

# Article 1 Introduction [DRAFT: APPROVED BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONS]

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## Unified Development Code



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## Article 1. Introduction

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### 89-1 Purpose

This Chapter implements the Lafayette Consolidate Government's comprehensive plan and master plan (known as PlanLafayette) by:

- (a) Regulating subdivision plats and development in the City of Lafayette and the unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish, and
- (b) Establishing zoning regulations in the City of Lafayette.

### 89-2 Title

This Chapter is known and referred to as the "Unified Development Code" or "UDC."

### 89-3 Applicability

#### (a) Use of building or land

- (1) No building or land shall be used, and no building or part shall be erected, reconstructed, converted, moved, or structurally altered unless they conform to all applicable regulations in this Chapter.
- (2) Nonconformities are exempt, or partially exempt, from this Chapter (see Article 6).

#### (b) Size and Location of Building. Except as otherwise provided, buildings and structures shall:

- (1) Include the on-lot or project open space required by the applicable zoning district regulations or land use regulations;
- (2) Locate only outside of minimum required yards or courts, or within maximum setbacks.

### 89-4 Consistency with Plan

- (a) The Planning and Zoning Commission and Lafayette City-Parish Council find that this Chapter is consistent with PlanLafayette.
- (b) It is LCG policy that any amendment to this Chapter shall be consistent with PlanLafayette.

### 89-5 Explanatory Materials

#### (a) Explanatory Materials

The following elements of the UDC are provided for explanatory purposes and for the convenience of the reader. They are not binding, and do not supersede mandatory standards and procedures:

- (1) This document includes graphics (such as drawings, diagrams, photographs, and images) to help the reader understand the text. If there is a conflict between a graphic and the text, the text applies.
- (2) Individual Articles and Sections of this Chapter include *italicized* purpose statements. These statements explain the reasons for the regulations and provide legislative findings, and may be used for interpreting the requirements and making land use decisions, but do not provide a standard for approving or denying non-legislative permits.
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